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Kayak Club: UVic's only fraternity

Rambunctious club members asked to tone it down, stop bringing alcohol to meetings

Grady Mitchell

Ever heard of a kayaker getting arrested for paddling under the influence? It might be more likely than people think.

A lifeguard at McKinnon Pool noticed a few members of the UVic Kayak Club drinking beers during one of their weekly Friday night sessions a few weeks ago.

The club meets every Friday at McKinnon Pool, and kayaks from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Often members meet to drink beer in the parking lot before they enter the pool, according to club president Ben Thompson. Sometimes they go inside before they are finished their drinks. Some also smuggle in alcohol in water bottles.

Thompson recently sent out an email asking members to stop drinking in the pool, after he noticed some people bringing in alcohol.

"It's our Friday night, so sometimes this stuff will happen," Thompson said.

On most nights the major drinking is saved until afterward, Thompson says, when usually about 40 of the club's 120 active members head to Boston Pizza to order pitchers of beer and food. Thompson said these outings can become rowdy, with club chants often accompanying chugging contests.

The Kayak Club has often been labelled the closest thing UVic has to a fraternity.

The club was formed eight years ago, and has since been planning countless weekend trips. Every spring break they host a three-day trip to Tofino.

Thompson has been president of the club for the past two years. He says it's now been six years since he started whitewater kayaking. He also works as an instructor for Sea to Sky Kayaking in Vancouver.

The club, Thompson says, is focused mainly on safety — each instructor is trained in wilderness first aid techniques.

Before leaving on any trip, a member must prove that he or she can do a "wet exit," and roll their kayak in a pool setting. They must also attend a river running class and read a primer on river techniques and safety.

Still, the club knows how to have a good time. Their website features less-than-flattering pictures of the instructors cutting loose, as well as photos of kayak surfing and a big-air jump session.

UVic policy forbids drinking alcohol at any club activity, says Andrew Pitre, the sports clubs and lifestyle instruction programmer for the Vikes recreation office.

Generally, clubs who break this policy are punished with sanctions and restricted facility time, equipment, support and services.

Thompson is co-operating with the Vikes recreation office to identify the problem members and solve the issue.

Because of Thompson's help and the positive reputation of the club, the group has only been given a strict warning, and has suffered no formal consequences.

JOSH THOMPSON PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

The UVic Kayak Club has been lambasted for shenanigans like consuming alcoholic beverages in the McKinnon Pool and kayaking under the influence, yet the club's positive reputation has prevented much more than a stern warning from the university.

Campus food outlets recognized for veggie-friendly practices

Kailey Willetts

If you head to Village Greens for lunch today, you'll find vegetarian fajitas on the menu. Or, if noodles are more your thing, you can opt for a stir-fry with tofu.

It's because of options like these that UVic scored second in Canada in the "Most Vegetarian-Friendly Universities List" from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals youth division (PETA2).

The competition focused particularly on vegan options, and praised UVic for its vegan lasagna, curried faux chicken and potatoes stuffed with chili and soy cheese. Winners were chosen based on their dining options, student nominations and votes.

Last year, UVic achieved fourth place overall.

With this year's second-place finish, UVic beat out nominees Simon Fraser University and the University of B.C., coming second to Mount Allison Univesity in New Brunswick.

According to PETA2, more students are becoming vegetarians or vegans because, on average, they are fitter than meat eaters. Eating animal products has also been linked to heart attacks, diabetes and other diseases, according to the group, which believes becoming a vegan is the best way to end animal suffering and protect the environment.

Dave Shishkoff, director of the UVic Vegan Association, says UVic is a good school to be a vegan at, and he's impressed with the venues offered on campus, like ones in the Student Union Building.

"The SUB apparently labels foods very well, and places like [Finnerty's] have vegan brownies, cookies and muffins, sushi and frozen burritos," Shishkoff wrote in an email interview. "Plus, our annual Vegan Thanksgiving Potluck is by far the most delicious Thanksgiving event in the city."

However, Shishkoff said the vegan message shouldn't be confused with the vegetarian one.

"Sadly, groups like PETA, Vegan Outreach and many others have completely ignored this, and are effectively 'dumbing down' veganism to what vegetarianism now stands for — which is nothing," Shishkoff said. "How many fish and chicken eating 'vegetarians' do you know?"

Shishkoff says that while UVic may be vegan-friendly, the message is meaningless coming from PETA.

However, he sees that the upside of the PETA competition is that it may encourage more vegan students to consider coming to UVic. Shishkoff believes it's important to have more active vegans on campus.

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MARC JUNKER GRAPHIC

No reason to consume animals: Shishkoff

"I think a more useful campaign would be to assist vegans at colleges and universities in [promoting] veganism," he said.

For Shishkoff, being a vegan isn't a dietary or lifestyle choice, but a philosophy of "peace and respect, that argues that we shouldn't be exploiting other animals." He made the choice to become vegan 18 years ago, because it made sense.

"There was no reason for me to consume animal products. There's no physiological need, or requirement for anything that comes from an animal," said Shishkoff. "Other animals deserve respect and consideration as well ... should it really be a misfortune to simply not have been born in a human body?"

Shishkoff says being a vegan is very doable — it just takes a little education about alternatives. He also says it's more difficult dealing with social situations, but that people who take themselves seriously will encourage other people to as well — that they'll respect the "anti-speciesist" as they would an anti-racist or anti-sexist.

For more information about PETA2, visit their website at www.peta2.com. For information about the UVic Vegan Association, visit their Facebook group: "UVic Vegan Association."

This week in Martlet history

Stories from the Martlet archives

Nov. 18, 1965 — Student Council planned to hold a student referendum on whether to go ahead with plans to picket September registration in protest of a $56 fee increase earlier in the year.

If the referendum passed by more than 75 per cent, first-year students trying to pay their fees would be prevented from doing so to make the point that other students on campus were unwilling to submit to further increases.

The campaign grew out of a "speak easy" following National Students' Day, and was intended as part of a wider effort to make university universally accessible.

Nov. 15, 1979 — A psychological profile of a campus rapist done by Saanich police concluded that the culprit was "lying low" and would "probably strike again."

Police maintained a visible presence in UVic's parking lots, where the assaults were happening. Students were warned that the rapist was considered very dangerous after reports that he used a knife to force women into their cars for sexual assault.

Graffiti threatening further attacks also appeared in men's washrooms in the MacLaurin and McPherson buildings.

Nov. 17, 1994 — Strict new loan policies for students at McPherson Library cut undergraduate borrowing periods from term loans due at the end of term to four-week blocks of time.

Meanwhile, graduate students, faculty and staff, who were allowed take out 200 books, had their borrowing period extended to sessional loans due in April and August. The number of books undergraduates could take out was also cut from 750 to 75.

Library fines were pegged at $1 per day, to a maximum of $20, in an effort to deter students from keeping books past due.

Library officials cited funding cuts from the university as reasons for the changes.

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From Dec. 1 to 19, students can trade a non-perishable food item for $2 off their outstanding bill. They can also choose to divert the money they spend paying fines to the Mustard Seed food bank.

Last year, 270 library users paid over $3,000 worth of fines in foodstuffs. In 2006, 216 users paid in food totaling almost $3,500.

Food donations are shared between the Mustard Seed and UVSS food banks, both of which have seen a decline in donations with the rising costs of food this year.

NAY!

Victoria council candidate Travis Dodd's failed campaign included his scribbled name all over the city (and other people's stuff).

The move was funny — maybe even innovative — the day after the federal election when the Work Less Party member turned plastic campaign signs inside out and spray-painted his name on them, but in the days leading up the the election, Dodd left no surface untagged.

He took a red sharpie to display covers of the Martlet, magazines and band posters around campus. He also scrawled his name on the back of other people's signs.

Dodd could have taken a protest tip from 18-year-old Joseph Boutilier, who ran a respectable $0 campaign and pulled in almost twice the number of votes as Dodd.

NAY!

Media giant CanWest Global has cut 560 jobs from their broadcast and newspaper outlets, cutting $61 million off their overhead costs.

These reductions are in addition to several hundred jobs that have been eliminated over the last two years.

In Victoria, 18 people, including on-air personnel, are being let go at CHEK-TV.

The newspaper division will be the one to see the majority of the cutbacks, as the company pulls 350 jobs from its 38 newspapers, which includes the Times Colonist and the National Post among others.

YAY!

A University of Western Ontario researcher has developed a vaccine to protect people against HIV.

The vaccine disarmed the virus in animal trials and is now being considered for human testing.

Virologist Chil-Yong Kang used whole dead HIV-1 strands in the vaccine, the same technique used in the polio vaccine.

Western is one of four schools being considered for a full HIV vaccine-manufacturing facility, built with an $88-million grant created in 2007 with money from the federal government and Bill Gates.

In Canada approximately 58,000 people live with HIV, the fatal virus that leads to AIDS. Over 2,500 new infections are reported each year.

- Sam VanSchie

Clothing drive to aid homeless

Sam VanSchie

UVic's Young Liberals club is increasing its community connection with a clothing drive for Victoria's homeless.

The group, which lobbies the Liberal Party of Canada to adopt policies that benefit young people and their communities, will collect clothing donations in the Student Union Building between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at a table set up next week, Nov. 25 to 27.

"Liberals, federally, have always had strong policies to help the homeless," said club president Tim Chipperfield. "But this is more about just doing something good for the holiday season than being political."

The club's Director of Operations, Justin Carr, says it's an important time to be thinking of those less fortunate.

"The cold weather is coming and donations everywhere are down," Carr said.

The group hopes students will bring their new or gently-used winter clothing, including waterproof adult jackets, hats and gloves.

They will also accept socks, towels, bedding and hygiene products such as shampoo, razors, toothbrushes and deodorant.

All donations go to the Victoria Cool Aid Society, and then to the people who need them.

"A lot of charities sell donations to other businesses to distribute, but with Cool Aid they guarantee it goes straight to people in Victoria," said Carr. "So students can know that their donations actually make a real difference."

The group understands cash-strapped young people can't always make monetary donations, but hopes everybody can find some things around their home that they can donate to the drive.

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Tim Chipperfield holds a coat to be donated to the Cool Aid Society.

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UVic discovers recruiting 2.0

Scott Daly

A revamped student recruitment program at UVic is being credited for the dramatic jump in admission applications last year.

Undergraduate applications from graduating high school students shot up 26 per cent over the previous year while applications to graduate programs rose by more than 17 per cent.

Student Recruitment Communications Officer Matt Stiegemeyer said that UVic has been making a concerted effort to increase interest in the university and has been using new methods to attract more prospective students.

"Basically, we're trying to capitalize on the interest people have in UVic," said Stiegemeyer. "In the last few years, recruitment has been focusing on following up with people who have previously expressed an interest in the university."

According to the university's Accountability Plan, student recruitment is becoming increasingly competitive as the traditional "university aged" demographic of 18 to 24-year-olds is expected to grow only slightly in the province while the number of funded university spaces is rapidly increasing.

According to the Ministry of Advanced Education, more than 25,000 new post-secondary education spaces have been created in the province since 2001, with at least 2,500 more expected to be created over the next four years.

To remedy the so-called "under enrollment," UVic has been recording the names and e-mails of all those who have either submitted an application in the past or have at least expressed an interest in the university.

JOSH THOMPSON PHOTO

Matt Stiegemeyer takes his recruiting online for tech-savvy students.

UVic has also set up a contest where prospective students can enter into a draw for an iPhone with three years service in exchange for information like their name and email address.

Once prospective students are in the system, UVic has been doing follow-ups through e-mail and phone to encourage them to apply, or at least find out why they decided to stay away.

Stiegemeyer said that the feedback from those who chose not to attend UVic most often cited a poorly designed website and their distance from Victoria.

To combat the perceived shortcomings, the university has since revamped its website in an attempt to make it more accessible to prospective students and has begun a program to help cover the cost of moving to Victoria.

The "Come to Campus" grant gives a one-time $500 bursary for high-achieving students who live north of Duncan, and $1,000 for those who do not live on the Island.

Stiegemeyer points to the rising number of applications submitted last year as a sign of progress in recruitment.

"So far, we've been getting very good feedback and we've seen a great deal of growth in applications," said Stiegemeyer. "We're hoping to build on that."

Stiegemeyer said that over 14,000 applications were submitted in 2008 for admission into undergraduate, graduate and continuing studies programs, and that no applicants to undergraduate programs that met the minimum requirements for admission were turned away.

UVic, which is devoting $175,000 this year to recruitment, also has 10 full-time recruiters touring high schools around Canada, and has started an advertising campaign on TV, in movie theatres, in print and on social networking sites like Facebook.

The Facebook advertisements alone garnered over 10,000 hits in first six weeks of the UVic recruitment campaign.

New committee to focus on SUB profits

Sam VanSchie

During the strike by workers in the Student Union Building, there was no shortage of ideas for how to increase profits in the building to pay for a wage increase for workers.

Now, with the dispute settled and most workers earning an extra 70 cents per hour, the UVic Student Society has created a temporary committee to analyze the suggestions and create a report for the society.

"We are going into deficit this year, but there are lots of ideas out there to help our profits, and we don't just want those [ideas] to fizzle out," said Director-at-Large Geordon Omand, who proposed the SUB committee and was elected to chair it during a UVSS board meeting on Nov. 17.

Many revenue-generating ideas were posted on Facebook groups during the strike, from re-branding Vertigo as an alcohol-free alternative for younger students, to playing more popular mainstream movies at Cinecenta.

As well, some made the suggestion of restructuring the society to save money by reducing senior positions, cutting its costly ties with the Canadian Federation of Students, or cutting down the number of cross-country conferences board members attend.

Director of Finance Tracy Ho stressed that many of the ideas put forward by students weren't feasible.

"Managing expectations is essential. We need to stress to people on the committee that putting forward ideas isn't a guarantee they will be implemented," Ho said.

She also expressed concern with the increased workload that would be created by researching the ideas of the committee, noting that in her experience people are more willing to generate ideas than actually look into how they might work in practice.

ANDREW SMITH PHOTO

Geordon Omand will chair a committee to address SUB profits.

Much of the grunt work of the committee, she predicted, would fall to her and the senior management. Still, Ho and the rest of the board voted unanimously in favour of forming the committee.

"It can't hurt," said UVSS chair Caitlin Meggs. "Nobody knows the SUB like the people who work there every day."

In addition to workers, all students and managers will be welcomed on the committee. Omand said just having the open dialogue between senior management and others would help everybody understand how the SUB operates and why decisions are made.

"There is sometimes tension and misunderstandings about our finances that could be cleared up," he said.

While students have always been invited to attend finance meetings, Omand thought having a committee dedicated solely to SUB operations would attract more people.

"This won't be as dry as finance," Omand said. "It's about harnessing the ideas and the energy from the strike in a really positive way."

Details about the committee, including meeting times, will be posted on the UVSS website.

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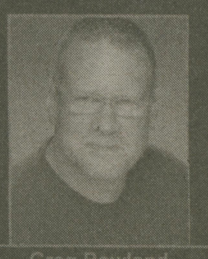

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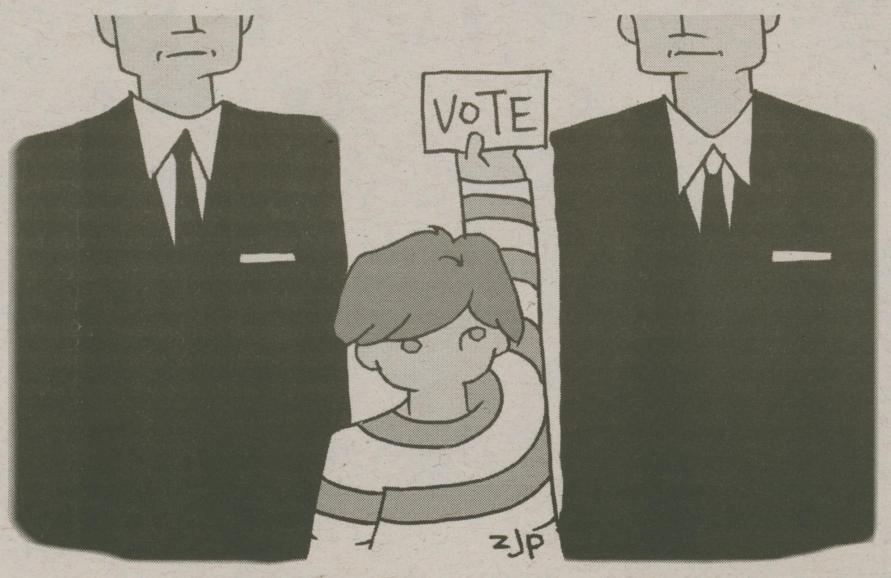
Green leader faults politicians for failing youth

Elizabeth May talks to the Martlet about dismal voter turnout and what can done about it

Doug Hamilton-Evans



JENNIFER ZHOU GRAPHIC

Historically low voter turnout among youth in the last federal election is the product of unfair new voting laws and manipulative campaigning, not apathy, says Green Party Leader Elizabeth May.

The under-25 age demographic is the greatest support base for the Green Party, but also the group under great voter discrimination this election, says May, citing the new voting law, Bill C-31, that required voters to show photo identification and prove their residence.

"I would guess tens of thousands of Canadians were denied the right to vote," May said. "Young people that often have no fixed address, rural residents with driver's licences that only list P.O. boxes as an address, indigenous people with different forms of identification and low income Canadians who are less likely to have a drivers licence were turned away from casting their vote ... the rules simply aren't fair."

Elections Canada didn't count how many potential voters were turned away, but the Green Party has filed a complaint.

It wasn't only the new voting law that kept voters away.

"I think that the lowest voter turnout in Canadian history was a manipulated result deliberately achieved by elements of Mr. Harper's strategy team," May said.

According to May, results by polling companies like Angus Reid showed the impact of Stephen Harper's negative campaign attack ads didn't encourage people to vote Conservative, but rather discouraged them from voting at all.

"It's an effective campaign strategy," May said, "but it's destructive to the democratic system."

The record-low voter turnout was also a result of the 2008 campaign being the shortest in Canadian history — another deliberate move on Harper's part, claims May. May recognizes the shadow that the American election cast over the Canadian contest, but partially faults the media for its focus on covering American issues over Canadian ones.

"I think there was more press coverage of Sarah Palin than there was of all of the parties' platforms," she said.

However, the Green Party made gains in the election, despite the low turnout — they were the only party to improve on their vote from 2006, with over 270,000 more votes and a popular vote of 6.78 per cent.

The Green Party received over 10 per cent of the vote in 41 ridings and placed second in five ridings, including May's Central Nova riding.

May attributes much of their success to youth and student voters.

"Young Greens are very important," May said. "We have two seats reserved for youth on our federal council, and I am not aware of another party that does this."

May recognizes that people not old enough to vote are often the most excited about the Green Party's ideals. She says the trick is to convince them to stay with the Greens once they are old enough to vote.

"I believe in building a habit of civil responsibility at a young age that doesn't stop at voting, but includes active participation between elections," May said. "It's important for democracy."

May stresses that people need to be given a reason to participate, and that in order to get them aware and involved, the message they receive has to be relevant and inspiring.

May prides her party on campaigning to motivate people towards a healthy future.

"It's challenging to run a positive campaign [amidst negative ones], but the Green Party works to make our campaigns positive, honest and with integrity," said May.

She urges students to become more politicized. While May notes that students are most likely to get their information from the Internet, she encourages them to write letters to the editors of newspapers and magazines about issues that concern them.

"The most tried, tested and true tips to activism are also the most boring," said May. "Email CBC news, write to the editor of your paper, phone call-in shows. Express your opinion."

Youth often have more time than money, May said. She asked students to participate in politics aggressively — no matter the party.

May will be giving a public lecture titled "Global Warming for Dummies... and for Geniuses" at the launch of her newest book, *Global Warming for Dummies*, in Victoria on Saturday, Nov. 22.

The event will be held at Oak Bay High School, and begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are $20 ($10 for seniors, student and low-income people) and are available at the door and in advance at the Good Planet Company (764 Fort Street).

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UVic law students host tent city forum

Kim Magi

With a Victoria bylaw passed last month that allows temporary shelters, the consensus of the Community Forum on the Tent City Decision was: where do we go from here?

The forum, which took place on Nov. 17, was organized in conjunction with the UVic Association of Women and the Law (UAWL), the International and Human Rights Law Association (IHRLA) and the Environmental Law Club (ELC).

One of the main organizers, Rachael Lake, a member of UAWL, said seeing how the decision was received in the media made her and others involved want to bring people in to talk about the overall meaning of the tent city.

The four panelists were Ben Berger, a UVic law professor, Lisa Helps, a PhD candidate at the University of Toronto studying the history of homelessness in Victoria, Rose Henry, an anti-homelessness advocate and member of Homeless Nation, and Bernie Pauly, a UVic nursing professor. A fifth candidate, Jamie Pearce of the Victoria Police, was unable to attend the forum due to traveling conflicts.

Henry, who works closely with Victoria's homeless population, said that right now homeless people are "in a state of confusion," mostly due to the enforcement of tents only being permitted in between 9 p.m and 7 a.m.

"[Homeless people are] not wanting to go to Beacon Hill Park *[to camp anymore] ... they're* afraid of being arrested," Henry said. "Nobody trusts the mayors, nobody trusts the police, nobody trusts each other."

JOSH SZCZEPANOWSKI PHOTO

Panelists at the Forum on the Tent City Decision, Bernie Pauly and Rose Henry, discuss its implications.

Three people who had been arrested in Beacon Hill Park on Oct. 31 were in attendance at the forum — former Victoria mayoral candidate Kristen Woodruff, activist David Arthur Johnston and former Victoria council candidate Jonathan Le Drew. Also in attendance was Janine Bandcroft, publisher of *Street Newz* who is also active in the homelessness community.

"I see this case as a victory for people and their right to live on the common land," Woodruff said.

With homeless people already popping up tents before the new bylaw, Berger said that this decision is a unique one for Canada, but that "not a lot changed after the ruling."

Another point brought up by the panel was the availability of emergency beds in the city's shelters.

"Every time [the activists] get arrested, the city coughs up more beds," Henry said, although both she and Pauly clarified that by "beds" it is meant that more mats are provided on a church floor.

While many believe the tent city decision is taking a step forward to end homelessness, bylaws not only in Victoria but throughout the rest of the country still need to be updated.

"The law always has to catch up to life," Helps said.

The bylaw allowing homeless people to set up temporary shelters was passed Oct. 14, when the B.C. Supreme Court found that doing otherwise was violating the Charter Rights to life, liberty and security.

"If the government's not [providing shelter], do you have the right to set up and take care of yourself?" Woodruff asked the panel.

Ben Isitt, UVic history professor and Victoria mayoral candidate in 2002 and 2005, finished the forum commending the activists for what they've done with the tent city.

"Civil disobedience has done a lot more than civil obedience," Isitt said.

Pauly shared in Isitt's sentiments.

"We call this the City of Gardens but it's beginning to feel like the City of Gates," Pauly said. "This is an urgent wake-up call for our community."

Congressmen come to class

Will Johnson

UVic students will be getting a taste of Congress this week.

On Thursday and Friday afternoons, Nov. 20 and 21, former American congressmen Dan Miller and Jerry Patterson will be visiting classrooms and speaking to students in the History and Political Science departments.

The ex-representatives will be touching on subjects like Canadian-American relations, the current economic crisis and the recent election.

"Students can basically ask whatever they want," said Nicole Bates-Eamer, a research assistant from the Centre for Global studies. "The talks will be relevant to what the students are currently studying."

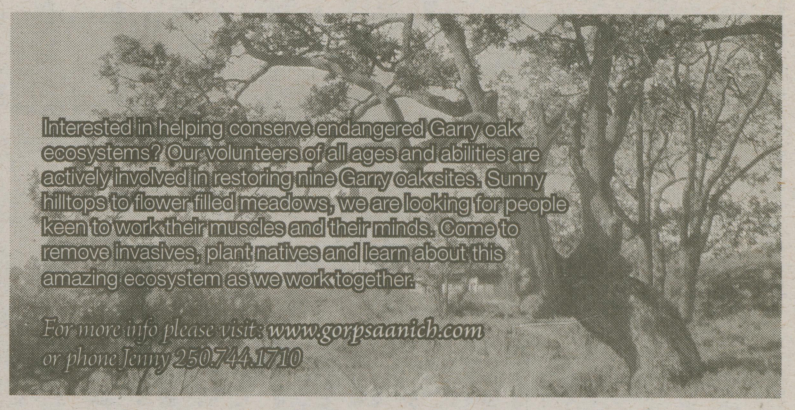
Miller and Patterson, who represented constituents in Florida and California, both have over 10 years of experience in Congress, and come from both the Republican and Democratic parties.

As part of the Congress to Campus program, they hope to attract students to a future in public service leadership and educate them on the importance of the legislative process.

They have traveled across Canada and the United States for the program.

"The students have prepared some questions for them ... topics like Afghanistan, Iraq, Russia-Georgia, the debate over Arctic sovereignty and oil. It should be pretty interesting," said Bates-Eamer.

The Stennis Centre for Public Service founded the Congress to Campus program, which has reached over 200 campuses across North America.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UVic club hosts Model United Nations conference

Annual event draws high school students to campus

Cody Willett

Delegates of the fifth annual Victoria Model United Nations conference walked away with a better understanding of the complex entanglement of security and sustainability after debating the issues Nov. 7 and 8 at UVic.

The conference, titled "A New Leaf: Turning Toward a Greener Globe," was hosted by UVic's Model United Nations club (MUN) and organized by club members Teresa Sims and Dex Zucchi.

Steve Lonergan, a UVic professor and a former director of the UN Environment Program, delivered the keynote speech, predicting that the debates over international environmental topics would ultimately be grounded in security issues.

Delegates representing the world's nations on four simulated UN committees made good on Lonergan's prediction, having only managed to get though four of the eight suggested topics.

"Despite the theme being environmental sustainability, the direction of the conference mostly engaged with nuclear non-proliferation and international security," said Zucchi.

The UN Security Council debated the security issues involved with Iran's bid to generate its own nuclear power, while the International Atomic Energy Agency debated the broader challenges of nuclear non-proliferation.

Delegates sitting on the UN Environment Programme and the UN General Assembly engaged each other on more environmentally relevant topics. Still, the terms of the debate focused on the food security aspects of agriculture and biotechnology, and the potential for human displacement due to global warming, respectively.

Sims pointed out that because the conference was held the weekend after the U.S. elections, there was a marked "cheekiness" among delegates who referred to the possibilities of diplomatic change emanating from an Obama White House. Many delegates, especially those representing Iran, mirrored their country's stance by professing their willingness to work constructively with the U.S. after Obama takes office.

Approximately 80 high school students and 20 UVic MUN members took part as delegates in the conference, with 25 club members volunteering to fill roles in the UN Secretariat and international press corps. According to Zucchi, the high schoolers were more than formidable participants.

"Sometimes UVic delegates are beaten up by the high school delegates ... [they] are among the brightest students in the region" said Zucchi. Sims said the conference is largely designed in mind of high schoolers.

"The primary goal of the conference is to create an international experience for high school students and have them practice diplomacy," added Sims.

She also said that the conference gives MUN members a chance to prepare for the five day National Model UN conference at UN headquarters in New York City, where they will compete against 2,000 delegates from universities around the globe.

TERESA SIMS PHOTO

Delegates at the Model UN conference show off their cheekiness.

Sims put the figure for the national conference at $1,400 per delegate. To help with fund raising, the club will be hosting a dress-up party at Felicita's on Nov. 28, titled "CoUNtries of the World."

Sims also pointed out the value of the MUN experience for all UVic students.

"It's a resume builder, for one thing," she said. "It appeals to any student that's interested in learning about the international community."

Sims stressed that as more backgrounds are represented in the club, the debates can better reflect interdisciplinary perspectives.

For students interested in getting involved with MUN, or for details on their Felicita's event, visit their website at web.uvic.ca/~unclub.

Provincial parties offer insights into election promises to students

Kat Eschner

The provincial Liberals and NDP have begun leaking their approaches to post-secondary education well in advance of the May election.

The NDP released a five-point plan which is intended to reduce the debt load on students.

"[It] focuses heavily on debt assistance," said NDP Advanced Education critic Rob Fleming. "I think the product of B.C. universities is very strong, but the cost is keeping people from entering," Fleming said.

The plan proposes to cut loan interest by 50 per cent and establish a student aid ombudsperson. It also calls for the restoration of a needs-based student grants program, to decrease student dependency on loans, and expansion of graduate scholarships.

Fleming also said the NDP felt the student loan process required streamlining.

"The privatized model of student aid administration isn't effective," he said. Student loans are currently handled by Resolve, a business administration company. Fleming called for a public approach.

Though the Liberal party has yet to release documents outling their post-secondary plans, party communications officer Chad Pederson steered those interested towards the new open platform accessible on the BC Liberals website.

"It's the first in Canada for individuals to submit their thoughts and suggestions about what they want to see in the Liberal platform," Pederson said.

He advised anyone interested in helping to shape Liberal policy to sign up and provide feedback.

"We'll be consolidating that information and taking it to help us build our platform for the coming election," said Pederson.

The open platform offers those who register the opportunity to provide feedback in the form of text or photos and videos on issues ranging from the economy to "healthy, safe communities."

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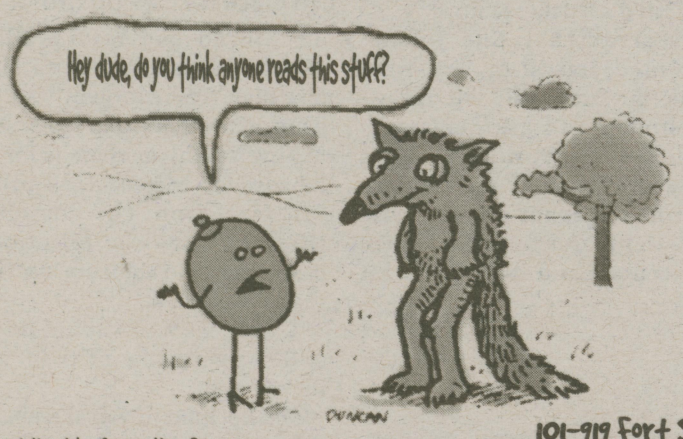

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Frats don't jive at UVic

What's a university campus without frat boys?

Hollywood tells us post-secondary life is all about beer, togas, mindless sex and topless lube wrestling in kiddie pools full of KY Jelly. But here at UVic, our campus is curiously devoid of the dilapidated party houses and raucous keg parties that grace campuses like UBC.

How come?

Well, let's make a list. Fraternities are inherently exclusive and elitist organizations. They thrive on hazing, irresponsible drinking and misogyny. With their histories of racism, sexism and homophobia, fraternities are destined to be at odds with our student populace. The administration of the university, as well as the UVSS, have adamantly refused, over and over again, to make room for frats at UVic.

It's not hard to see why. Can you imagine an office for Phi Beta Kappa right next door to the Women's Centre?

"The Society is committed to the principle of non-recognition of fraternities and sororities at the University of Victoria," reads the UVSS issues policy. Tracy Ho, the Director of Finance, told the Martlet that fraternities would never be considered for any sort of recognition or financial backing.

In 1996, student members of the Delta Upsilon fraternity showed up at clubs days, only to have their display removed by Campus Security. This was just one instance of fraternities trying to elbow their way onto campus, only to be met with a ringing message from the student population: you are not welcome here.

While some may lament the absence of these groups, it seems UVic students have been doing just fine without them.

The UVic Kayak Club, for instance, recently received a stern warning for drinking during their practices. Their weekly visits to Boston Pizza regularly involve beer chugging, chanting and general rowdiness. To be part of the kayak club, you don't have to shave off your eyebrows or run naked across campus. All you need is a passion for paddling.

Theatre students also have a reputation for their debaucherous ways, with hard partying and reckless promiscuity a staple of any actor's daily diet. Let's not even get started with the fine arts students.

Now that we think of it, the whole of UVic has always had a reputation as a party school. Whether you're an engineering student, a poli-sci major or a biology buff, chances are you've had your fair share of drunken adventures on campus.

But the point is, at UVic, everyone's welcome.

While cliques and exclusivity can creep into any group, at least it's not an institutional imperative. Since the days of Ancient Greece and Rome, fraternities have thrived as secret societies that deny membership to anyone who doesn't fit their stringent requirements. Their sordid legacy of rape, criminal activities and violence leave fraternities' reputations stained beyond repair.

Would we welcome the Mafia on campus?

So, what's a university campus without frat boys? A healthy, inclusive and progressive campus that isn't denigrating any of its student population with crowds of drunken delinquents — that's what.

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Trouble with opting out

Every year I opt out of UVic's Health and Dental plan to save over $200, since I am covered by my parents' health insurance plan.

Now that I'm over 21, I apparently have to submit a letter of enrollment confirming my full-time student status.

I believe that this piece of paper should be free. After all, it is just a piece of paper. It cost $3 last year. I decided, "whatever, that's the price of one coffee."

A year rolls around, and this situation happens again. Sigh, walk in, pay another $3, get my print out.

What do I find this year? Not only do I actually have to go online and submit an application myself, thus wasting time to get back to the insurance company, the fee is now three times as much ($10). The crazy thing is, it's the same piece of paper.

For the love of whatever god there is out there, that is ridiculous. Sure, $10 may merely equate to one appetizer somewhere and is merely a drop in the (big) bucket of academia spending.

The principle that matters here is a) it's a 300 per cent raise over one year and b) time consuming, in my opinion, to fill out the form. I could really use that $7 hike somewhere else.

Oh, and you need to pay with Visa online for this stupid form, but you can't pay your student fees with Visa. Go figure.

Felix Chen
UVic student

Sue Johanson's info is off

Re: "Sex lecturer Sue Johanson makes UVic crowd come"

While Sue Johanson is a "seasoned stand-up comedian" who puts on an entertaining show, as an educator she needs to update her information. Some of what she said on Oct. 30 was inaccurate.

The Mirena IUD, for example, contains only a synthetic progesterone; it does not contain synthetic estrogen. This is significant for women who need reliable birth control but can't take estrogen. Also, IUDs do not make the uterus "clamp down" to block sperm; that sounds rather painful.

Her suggestion that a bottle of wine "makes a great aphrodisiac" needs qualification. Of course many couples enjoy wine as part of a romantic evening; there's nothing wrong with that. It's important to remember, though, that under the Canadian criminal code, a person cannot consent to sex while intoxicated, and sex without consent is sexual assault.

More than half (55 per cent) of sexual assaults involve alcohol; alcohol is the most accessible and commonly used substance in drug-facilitated sexual assault.

It's great that Sue Johanson is discussing sex in a frank manner and encouraging students to ask questions. If, however, you're looking for accurate and up-to-date information about sex, there are far better places to find it, where it's accurate and it doesn't cost $10.

Lyanne Quirt
UVic Staff Member

Sue Johanson narrow-minded

I think it's great that the UVSS is interested in bringing sex-positive educational talks to our campus.

However, Sue Johanson's style of sex education does not represent inclusivity nor embrace sexual diversity. Her style of education reiterates normalised heterosexuality. She neither challenges sexism nor heterosexism in her address to the public.

Instead, her incredibly popular visit to our campus (funded largely by our students' society) excludes students with non-normative sexual and/or gender identities.

If an old woman talking about sex is so subversive, then how come she is reinscribing problematic ways of defining it?

I know that this form of sex ed is extremely popular among heterosexual students, but there has to be a better way of bringing sexual education to campus that speaks to all students looking for a source of knowledge and empowerment.

In having events like this one, that cater pretty exclusively to the hetero student population, we are further alienating the people who are alienated from popularised representations of gender and sex on a daily basis.

Myself, like many other queer students on campus who actually are quite interested and passionate about sexual education, did not attend Johanson's talk. I truly did not feel welcome.

Susie-Jane Miller
UVic student

No place for YPY on campus

Re: "Still no funding for pro-life"

Look, this is university, not junior high. There is about as much demand for this group (Youth Protecting Youth) as there is for Sue Johanson to become a call girl.

In fact, from the sounds of things, I'd say the rejection is based more on the club's actions than its mantra.

"I pay fees and should be eligible to get some of them back for my club."

Well ho-hum to you as well. And the UVSS should pay me money too because I want to start a "Free Quebêc" group.

Get real. Many people have the same beliefs as your "club" purports to have, but you'll find minimal support when you practice religious bigotry.

Jeffrey Thomas
UVic student

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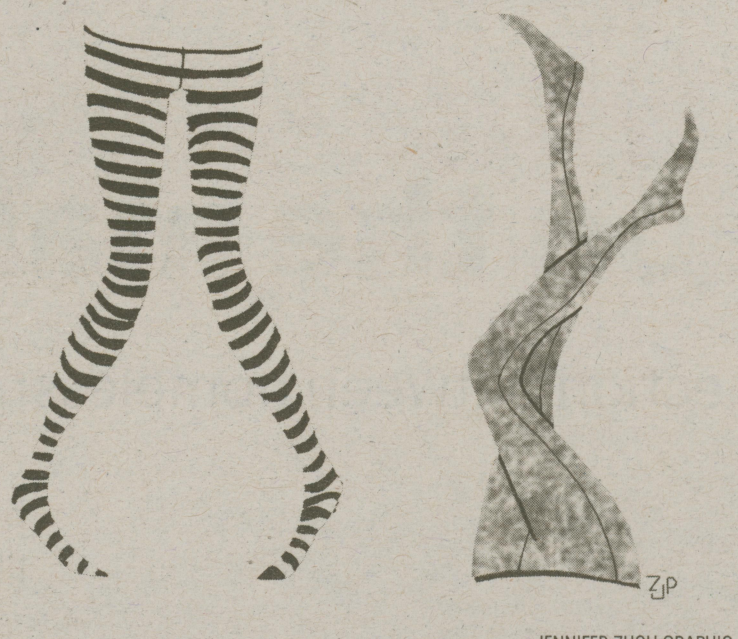
Tights are not pants, people

Trisha Gieni



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Sure, I've done it. I've worn tights instead of pants. But it's also been in the context of eating copious amounts of nacho chips while watching reruns of Gilmore Girls — an activity that I also do while in my underwear.

Or, I've done it while pirouetting across a stage — something I probably wouldn't do in my underwear, but that's beside the point.

"These are not activities that transform tights into pants; these are historically acceptable acts of pantslessness," says the website TightsAreNotPants.com. "Tights as pants are the fashion equivalent of too much information."

The subject of tights as pants seems to have come up almost weekly as of late. Why now is this all of a sudden an issue — or rather, why is it all of a sudden acceptable to go without pants?

If your excuse is that Edie Sedgwick did it, then you had better pair those tights will a leotard as well.

On the flip side, tight shirts have never seemed to be an issue — and shirts have the whole breast issue to deal with. But people wearing anything overly tight makes me uncomfortable.

I find it hard to breathe looking at them — and not in a "that took my breath away" way, more like an "if you can't take full breaths in your outfit, maybe it's time to re-evaluate" way.

I never thought I had a problem with tights as pants until I was stuck walking behind a girl wearing grey nylons. I'm not sure if her skirt was still waiting in the dryer, but honestly. Of course I stared at her. I was able to evaluate which parts of her needed more work at the gym and which parts really just needed a good pair of underwear. And to those of you who wear nylons as pants, I'm not the only one who stares.

> "I never thought I had a problem with tights as pants until I was stuck behind a girl wearing grey nylons."

So, I decided to give it a try. I had this thought one day as I was working out in dance class, so when it was over I hit the streets in my sweaty tights.

I'll admit, it wasn't a completely thought-out experiment. I figured as soon as I pranced down the stairs and onto the pavement, there would be all kinds of gawking, fake coughing, whistling and other such responses.

Maybe it was my uncomfortable shuffle that didn't attract this attention or maybe I didn't look as sexy as I thought — which is a real possibility. Perhaps tights as pants aren't as shocking or scandalous as I understand them to be.

I tapped my toe, while waiting for the bus. Nothing. I stuck my bum out a bit, hoping to get at least a stare to prove my point. Nothing.

The only byproduct of my experience was that I had the overwhelming urge to bust a move, Audrey Hepburn-style.

I rode the bus incident-free. My stop came. I pulled the string. I rose from my seat and stepped to the door. I took one last look back — then I saw a creepy old man staring at my bum. He met my eyes and gave me a "you wore those tights for me" grin.

Game over.

It made me a little sad because in all honesty, I love the feeling of wearing tights. They are the comfiest piece of non-clothing I own.

I will admit that I am fine with black leggings — as long as they are paired with a shirt long enough to reach that fatty bulge where the tights cut into your muffin top. We all have this in some degree or another, but we don't really need to ogle at it.

Tights are, however, a way to wear shorter skirts while keeping your dignity intact.

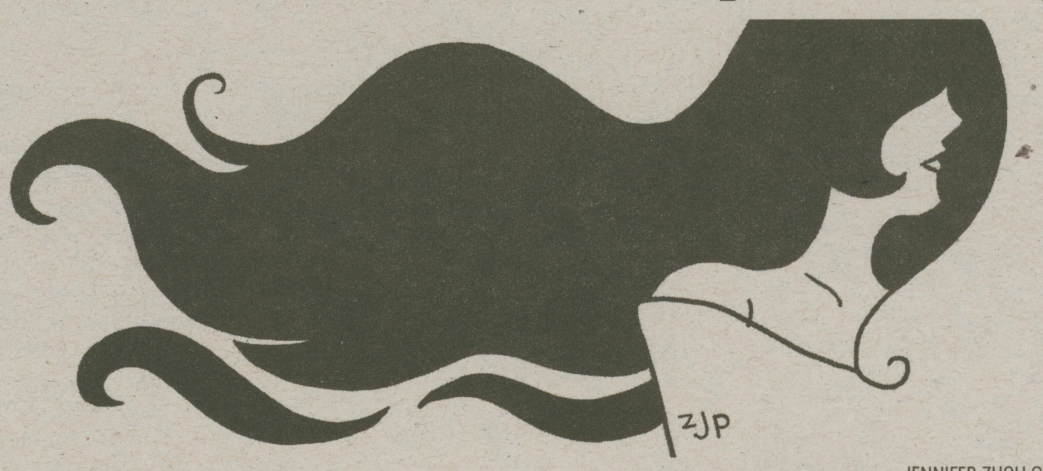
(For the record, this is a hint to those of you who wear miniskirts with bare legs in November. Put on a pair of tights, please. You're making me shiver.)

There are entire websites dedicated to discussing this topic. Some people even admit to fetishes about women's hosiery.

But really, it is up to you. If you like people gawking at your girly parts and assessing your fitness level, let 'er rip.

Adopting a whole new family history

Dexter McMillan



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For years now, I've had a pretty standard answer for people who ask me where my family comes from.

"Canada," I say with a shrug.

I've always considered my family history to be boring. There have been no affairs, no heavy drug use, or any other kinds of debauchery — that I know of.

But with the news that Ontario will be opening their previously restricted adoption records, it got me seriously thinking about my family tree.

My mother's side of the family is from Ontario, and she has always been curious about her mysterious heritage, especially on her adopted mother's side.

You see, my mother has a suspicion that my grandmother is of Métis descent. This suspicion threw a knot into the perception of my family tree. Who were my biological great-grandparents? Maybe they were famous scientists or simple farmers. When one detail of who you are shifts, the rest tends to come with it.

This little suspicion excited me. Maybe I was more than "just" Canadian. I started to see a Hardy Boys novel buried within this mystifying tale, and so did my mother.

Ever since she saw the notification of adoption records becoming accessible, she has been asking questions and trying to put together the pieces.

The clues started to make sense to her — my grandmother's black hair and her mysterious past. Then, I naturally started to think that maybe all of this is too much to handle. My real great-grandparents obviously sealed those records for a reason, and maybe it's not exactly our place to be snooping around in them.

> "I've always considered my family history to be boring. There have been no affairs, no heavy drug use, or any other kinds of debauchery."

However, a little knowledge is just that — a little knowledge. My mother's grandparents are long dead, so should their secret die with them?

Come June 2009, my grandmother will be applying to discover the names of her biological parents, and finally the mystery of my past will be solved, or at least will start to unravel.

It's amazing how one simple thing like an adoption record being accessible can skew everything you thought you knew about who you are.

If you or someone in your family was adopted and born in Ontario, it's an exciting time to find out more about your past. Familial ties are important to many people, and unsealing the adoption records in Ontario is a move that should be replicated across the country.

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Life on the margins

The connection between homelessness and mental illness

By Erin Hale of The McGill Daily

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MONTREAL (CUP) – Gone are the days when homeless people were gathered up and locked away in a hospital, shackled from the public eye — and that's is a good thing, says Kim Heynemand, a peer helper with the Centre local de services communautaires (CLSC) des Faubourgs Équipe Itinérance (homeless division) in Montreal. Today, she says, the issue of homelessness and mental illness is much more intense.

"Now there's a [schizophrenic man] by himself on the street with nowhere to sleep or eat, taking drugs more than [he] used to, doing prostitution — but I don't think he even realizes he's doing it," Heynemand says of one homeless man she met on the job.

The role of disorders

Heynemand might see some of the more extreme cases, but the fact remains that many of the 30,000 homeless people in Montreal — and thousands more throughout Canada — suffer from mental health disorders.

In a study of 230 homeless individuals surveyed in Ottawa and Gatineau by the Canadian Institute for Health Information, two-thirds of adult males, three-quarters of adult females, 56 per cent of male youths and two-thirds of female youth self-reported mental health problems.

The percentages of suicidal thoughts and suicide attempts were also higher than in the general population.

However, the way the system is set up right now, shelters and community organizations are fighting a losing battle to help some of the country's most vulnerable citizens.

There are only 2,865 emergency beds and 1,592 transitional beds in Montreal shelters, according to the Centre for the Study of Living Standards, which serves less than a tenth of the city's homeless population.

What many people don't realize, however, is that a lack of resources doesn't just affect individuals with pre-existing mental health disorders — living on the streets creates its own stress, and if someone is there long enough, it can lead to serious problems.

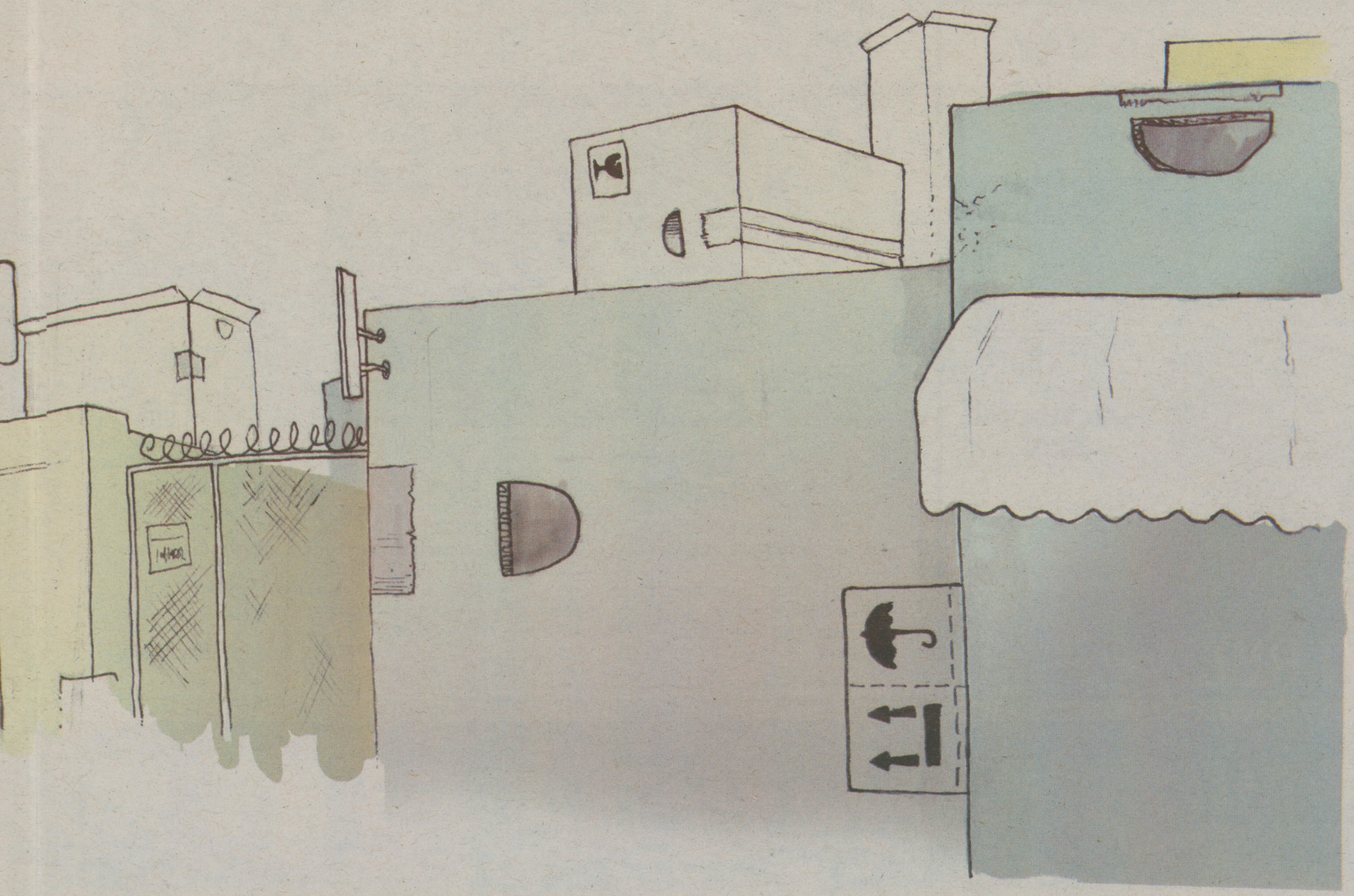
Dangerous limits

Alain Spitzer, director of the St. James Centre in Montreal, says that while many of the city's residents have found themselves homeless at some point, he estimates that someone has about three months to get off the street before it starts to really affect them.

And resources are limited for those living on the street. There are shelters and community centres, but many, like the St. James Drop-In Centre has restricted their membership due to budget and program restraints. While many homeless people do have access to clinics, the drop-in system creates barriers to those people requiring consistent, recurring care.

Dispensing medication might seem like a quick fix: the person takes the drug, feels better, and suddenly has a job and an apartment. But while medication does solve some important immediate problems, any good psychiatrist will tell you that even for non-homeless individuals, medication is not enough to treat a psychiatric condition.

CLSC primarily dispenses lithium to patients, Heynemand says, because it only needs to be



injected once a week. Lithium, though, is a difficult drug to take — it is linked to acne, weight gain, and a feeling of "mind numbing." It's not surprising that some of CLSC's patients choose not to take it.

Other clinics sometimes hand out hard narcotics in original packaging, which some individuals choose to sell, Spitzer says.

Heynemand, however, says that even medication can take a back seat to more immediate daily needs.

"It's hard to make [people] realize they need to take their medication ... but at the same time, taking medication can be hard," she says. "For a guy doing prostitution and taking drugs for five days in a row with a mental disorder, what's important is finding him a place to stay."

Fielding the desire of homeless people to self-medicate is also a difficult task for people like Heynemand, who work on the street level.

"Sometimes they don't realize their meds work — they stop taking them and do [illegal] drugs as self-medication. If you hear voices and alcohol makes it stop, then you drink more," she says.

The homeless individuals interviewed for this story had various coping mechanisms, such as partners, dogs, drugs, cigarettes and alcohol.

"Martin," a self-labeled alcoholic, spends his days sitting on Sherbrooke Street in Montreal, panhandling and slowly sipping beer, because "it helps with the pain in [his] muscles."

There is also a loose camaraderie between individuals — whether that means sharing cigarettes, or momentarily stopping to chat.

The prostitution pull

Each demographic of homeless people faces their own challenges of how to deal with mental health disorders. Homeless youth, who often use illegal drugs for self-medication, are at a particular risk of resorting to prostitution to get money.

"Working in sex — for a lot of people who take drugs, it's a big part of it. After some point, if you don't find money, you've got to think of it," Heynemand said. "Some do it only sometimes, some as a job. For a lot of people who have borderline [personality disorder] it's a way to find love. Some people just don't care."

But once youth hit their mid-'20s, many assistance programs end. And if they're male, even fewer options become available — something Spitzer attributes to society's notion of "women and children first" and the expectation that men can fend for themselves.

Spitzer also links it to the fact that problems like chronic depression have only recently been diagnosed en masse, so there's a whole generation, particularly those aged 40 to 55, that did not receive treatment at key points in their '20s, when many mental illnesses develop.

"Pearce" blames the provincial government for the resource strain felt by Montreal shelters and community programs.

"Shelters in Toronto are 100 per cent provincially funded," he says. "We receive $12 per bed, per night, and in Toronto they receive $61 per bed, per night."

This problem also stems from the process of de-institutionalization that occurred during the '60s and '70s. While many view this as a human rights achievement, others say the government has not held up its end of the bargain.

Abandoned by all

When many mental health institutions were either closed or reduced in size, government funds were supposed to be channeled to community-based or outpatient health programs and other alternative services like subsidized housing or shelters, says Paul Whitehead, a professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Western Ontario.

While Whitehead found that money had, in fact, been moved toward the community programs, he admits the absence of a live-in arrangement for patients resulted in more mentally ill homeless individuals. Should an individual be lucky enough to find adequate mental health treatment and somehow get a leg up — because starting at $560 a month, welfare will hardly cover rent — statistics remain equally dismal.

In Montreal, there is a 10,000-person waiting list for 24,700 slots of public housing. The city has also been dead-set on razing neighbourhoods with affordable housing to install condos and luxury housing.

Those who are homeless, particularly the mentally ill, are locked into a vicious cycle of limited treatment and self-medication, with access to equally limited, though well-intentioned, community services trying to compensate for a lack of government responsibility.

To many people, that lack of responsibility is unacceptable.

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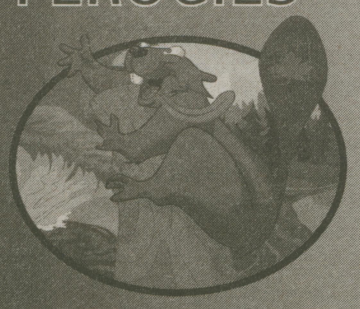

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Delicious and versatile, squash is rich in vitamins and can still be purchased fresh in fall and winter.

Kat Eschner

Nutritious, delicious and available from local growers, acorn squash is an essential part of any fall or winter diet, 100-mile or otherwise.

Like most other varieties of winter squash, acorn squash is most readily available from about September through November. It will keep for an extended period if stored like potatoes, in a cool, dry area.

Squash of any variety is high in fibre and potassium, an essential nutrient for heart health and kidney function. Acorn squash is especially excellent because of its sweet, slightly nutty flavour, and filling, meaty texture when cooked.

Leftovers from this recipe can be pureed to make soup, or eaten cold as lunch the next day.

BAKED ACORN SQUASH WITH APPLE

1 medium-sized acorn squash about 9 inches in length, halved lengthwise
1 diced apple, preferably a tart variety
5 ml (1 tsp) butter or olive oil
10 ml (2 tsp) brown sugar
Juice and pulp of one orange, or 10 ml (2 tsp) of pre-made orange juice

Scoop the seeds and pulp out of each acorn squash half. Mix diced apple, brown sugar and orange juice together. Pour half of the mixture into the hollow of each squash. Dab butter or a tiny bit of olive oil over the mixture.

To cook, place the squash facing up in a roasting or baking pan. Pour water into the pan until it is halfway up the squash rind. Cover the dish with tinfoil and bake at 350-400 F for approximately 25 minutes or until a fork goes into the squash flesh easily.

Set on a plate, sprinkle with salt and enjoy.

Local film fest fights global problems

What: Victoria Amnesty International Film Festival
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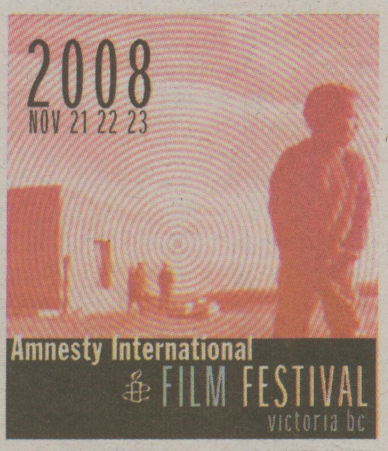
When: Nov. 21-23
How much: by donation

Gemma Karstens-Smith



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Amnesty International UVic is trying to open people's eyes to world issues through watching movies.

The group has teamed up with Victoria's Amnesty International community group to present Victoria's seventh annual Amnesty International film festival, taking place in UVic's David Lam Auditorium from Nov. 21-23.

Eight films will be shown over the weekend, covering topics such as civil war, HIV and the use of rape as a weapon.

"The Victoria [Amnesty International] film festival is the second biggest human rights film festival in Canada and allows for the opportunity to not only watch the films but to learn about what we can do as individuals in this time of globalization," said Mariko Miller, who has organized the festival for the past seven years.

This year's festival will kick off with the award-winning documentary *War Dance*, which explores Uganda's civil war through the eyes of children.

Other festival must-sees include *My Daughter the Terrorist*, which looks at female suicide bombers and *USA VS Al-Arian*, a film about a Palestinian-American family attempting to fight terrorism charges.

In addition to film screenings, the festival will include guest speakers who will introduce the films and take questions after the screenings.

Local and international organizations, including War Child, Vancouver Island Human Rights Coalition and Positively Africa will be setting up information tables at the event, to offer information on how to get involved.

Both the UVic and Victoria community branches of Amnesty International will have tables where festival attendees can learn about current campaigns, sign petitions or write letters.

Admission to the festival is by donation, with all money raised going to Amnesty Canada.

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New James Bond blockbuster dry as a gin martini

Ian Venables

Daniel Craig returns as James Bond in the 22nd installment of the longest running franchise in film history. But the most expensive — and shortest — Bond film ever produced is also one of the quickest to fade from memory. Fond? Not fond.

The grand prologue, characteristic of Bond films, finds Bond in his weathered Aston Martin DBS, being pursued down the meandering Italian coast. The frenetic sequence is meant to toss us on the edge of our seat, but the way it's shot and cut creates one incoherent mess where viewers are not sure what is happening until something blows up.

Bond is fueled by vengeance over his lost love, Vesper. His determination to find out who betrayed her leads him on a murderous rampage where he encounters Bond-babe Camille (Ukrainian model/actor Olga Kurylenko), also looking to settle a score of her own.

Quantum sorely lacks several ingredients necessary to a good Bond film. First, and perhaps most importantly, a good villain.

A scheming environmentalist with a hidden agenda (Mathieu Almaric) tries on the villain shoes, but he is about as menacing as he is memorable. What was his name, again? His evil plan remains unclear for most of the film.

Gone are the days when villains were after the world, space, nuclear warheads and other doomsday devices. Maybe they were setting their sights a little high. Now, the Bolivian desert and the water beneath it are of paramount importance.

Surely the British Secret Service has more pressing matters than a man in South America who wants water.

Zero attention is paid to character development throughout the film, and there is absolutely no chemistry between Bond and Camille. Yes, just Camille. Also gone are the Xenia Onatopps, Holly Goodheads, Plenty O'Tooles, and Pussy Galores.

The film's only fireworks come with a female British agent. Her character surfaces later in the film during a clever nod to one of the best Bond films, Goldfinger, but the scene feels thrown in at the last minute, as if it was added because the filmmakers completely forgot that charm was one of Bond's major attributes.

Craig can't take the blame for Quantum's shortcomings; he is still the ideal candidate for the job. Unfortunately he wasn't presented with a screenplay worthy of his abilities. In fact, Craig receives relatively little dialogue, which is unfortunate because the sexual innuendo and smart one-liners are defining 007 traits the fans pay to see.

Director Marc Forster (who directed *Finding Neverland*, *Monster's Ball* and *The Kite Runner*) is the wrong man for the job, however. We are put on the verge of chase-sequence fatigue as Forster refuses to take his foot off the accelerator.

Maybe they are there to cover up the lack of substance in the film, but the chases are executed by someone who clearly doesn't have experience shooting action pictures. The dizzying camera work and excessive rapid cutting is a frustrating method to produce excitement and doesn't work here.

Forster tries too hard to turn James Bond into Jason Bourne, employing some second unit staff from the latter two Bourne films to shoot some action scenes. A lengthy rooftop scramble in particular comes straight out of the Bourne Ultimatum, only filmed and edited here with far less skill or ingenuity.

Quantum has the feeling of a rushed production. It races furiously towards the finish line as if it can't wait to be over. Sadly it is as dry as Bond's martinis, but when it's over, we are left neither shaken nor stirred.

New Lighthouse pale ale rips onto the consumer scene

Andrew Smith and Tylor Richards

Locally-based Lighthouse Brewery has launched a new pale ale in honour of their 10th anniversary.

The new brew debuted on Nov. 13 at Bard and Banker, the latest Victoria establishment to team up with the brewery.

Riptide is a bitter premium class craft-brewed pale ale with a citrus aftertaste. Fans of Lighthouse's Race Rocks will definitely enjoy the smooth, drinkable texture, as Riptide boasts the same natural carbonation and natural ingredients as its predecessor.

Jeff Kendrew, Lighthouse sales representative and a recent UVic Commerce graduate, said the brewery is hoping for Riptide to equal or surpass local favorite Race Rocks in popularity.

Riptide's launch marks a new direction for the rapidly expanding Lighthouse Brewery, who've already produced four successful beers — Race Rocks Amber, Beacon IPA, Keepers Stout and Lighthouse Lager.

Lighthouse is also releasing both Race Rocks and Riptide in bottles. Up until now, Race Rocks and their other brews have only been offered in cans or on draft at local pubs.

Kendrew spoke of the need for bottling ales to reach a broader audience of restaurants and nightclubs, as dancing with a bottle in hand is certainly more desirable than the aspect of sloshing your pint on your dance partner. Bottles are also revered as "classier" than strutting around with a beer can.

Local pubs and restaurants now have the option of selling bottled Riptide and Race Rocks as a trial run before they choose to have it on tap.

The release of Riptide comes at the same time as a geographical shift for Lighthouse. While not abandoning Victoria, the company hopes to expand to Vancouver and the Lower Mainland, tapping into a new market with their new beer.

"We call it the ultimate session beer," Kendrew said. "It is smooth enough that you can drink a lot of it in a single session with friends."

The aspect of being locally owned and operated may appeal to many Island drinkers. Not only is the beer brewed here in Victoria, but byproducts are also recycled for the benefit of local farmers. The company maintains a green policy, committing to be a zero-emissions manufacturing facility.

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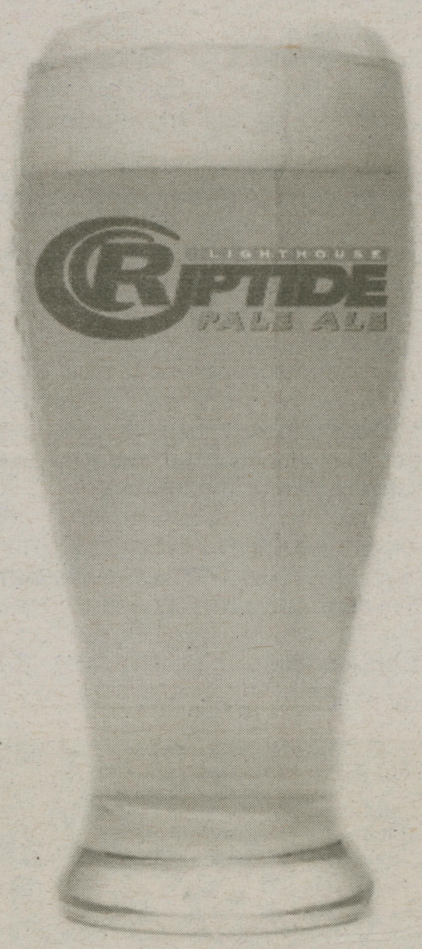

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UVic men's soccer team left winless at CIS Nationals

Andrew Smith

The UVic men's soccer domination of domestic opponents came to a grinding halt on Nov. 6 as they were stumped 3-0 by the York Lions in Ottawa.

The Vikes' woes did not end there, however, as they lost their consolation semi-final to the Dalhousie Tigers in a shootout at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) National Championships.

After dominating the Trinity Western Spartans 4-1 in the Canada West Championships just a week earlier, the Vikes were stunned by the level of competition in Ontario.

After traveling to Ottawa and waking up at 4 a.m. Pacific Time, the Vikes were slow to adjust to the poor weather conditions and unfamiliar artificial turf. After conceding two goals in the opening minutes against the Lions, the Vikes failed to penetrate the defence and conceded a third goal before the match was over.

The Western Canada champions were able to rally, however, and came out fighting against the Dalhousie Tigers.

"I was very pleased with our attitude and performance," UVic coach Bruce Wilson said after the match. "We ended up losing by penalties but really should have won by three."

The Vikes form was a complete turnaround from the previous day's performance as they pounded away at the Dalhousie net.

"We dominated the game from the opening whistle to the end," said coach Wilson, adding that his side simply "could not score."

It all came down to a wretched penalty shootout where the game results became a 50-50 shootout. Unlike their Canada West semi-final shootout against the UBC Thunderbirds just a week earlier, luck was not on the Vikes' side as their fifth and sixth shooters failed to find the back of the net.

The final score left the Vikes winless at the national championships with no goals scored during regular time.

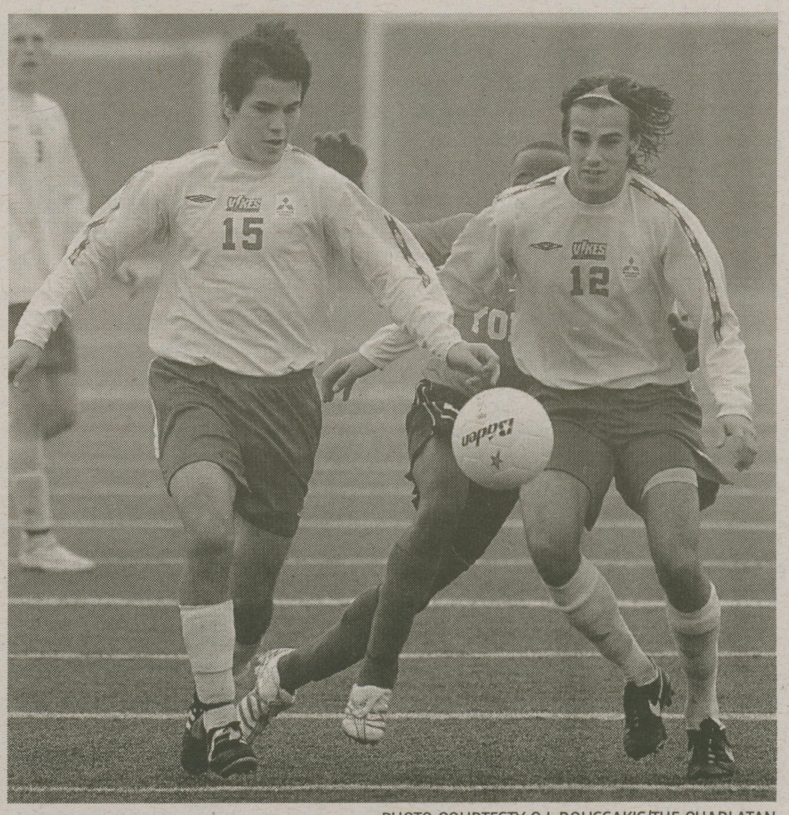
With the season now over, Wilson says he is fortunate that most of his star players will be in his lineup next year as they look to build on their playoff experience.

"We will look to get stronger as we move ahead," said Wilson. "We only lose one player at the end of April."

The Vikes will have their Canadian First Team All-Star Cole McFarlane at the helm as they face a difficult road ahead to qualify for the tournament. McFarlane was also named the Canada West Most Valuable Player after being named as the division top scorer.

The Trinity Western Spartans will host next year's national tournament, meaning only one other team from the Canada West division can qualify.

For now, it's time for the Vikes to hang up the boots and think about what went wrong after a post-season of complete Western Canada domination.



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UVic players Kyle Kostis and David Adams try to hold off a York attack during their opening match on Thursday, Nov. 6.

Shootout misery sees UVic women's soccer finish fourth

Kristi Sipes

The UVic women's soccer team suffered a devastating shootout loss to the Trinity Western Spartans in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Nationals semi-finals on Saturday, Nov. 8, in Langley.

The Vikes' pursuit of CIS gold began with a 4-0 routing of the Dalhousie Tigers in the quarter-final round on Thursday, Nov. 6. Kendra Flock and Janelle Smith each scored in the first half, while Moira Hood and Leigh Quinlan struck for two more in the second half.

The semi-final game was a rousing rematch of the Canada West final the previous week in Victoria, where the Vikes clinched the division through penalty kicks after a scoreless tie and two overtimes.

Over 700 enthusiastic fans crowded the soggy sideline of the Spartans' home field to support both teams.

The teams played as hard as they had in the Canada West final, and neither side was able to gain an advantage despite numerous opportunities. The Spartans took 17 shots in the game as the Vikes attacked with 19.

After playing to yet another scoreless tie through 90 minutes of regulation time and 30 minutes of overtime, the top two teams in the Canada West conference again faced off with penalty kicks to decide the winner. After five shooters, the game was still tied, and the shooters went one-off sudden death kicks to decide the game. Each side would end up sending eight shooters to the penalty spot.

For the third time in a week, Vikes goalkeeper Stephanie Parker made two stops in the shootout, along with eight during the game. History repeated itself, however, as the Vikes lost their second consecutive CIS nationals semi-final shootout. The game-winning penalty kick was put in by the Spartans' eighth shooter, Rebecca Ferguson.

The Spartans went on to win the national title with a 1-0 win over the Brock Badgers on Sunday, Nov. 9.

The Vikes were unable to rally after their defeat as they competed for third place on the same day against the Montreal Carabins. Montreal scored two goals in the opening five minutes and were able to shut out the Vikes for the rest of the game to take the bronze medal.

The Vikes finished the season with a 13-5-1 record.

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   Sundown Morning (Old Life)
4. FUCKED UP *
   The Chemistry Of Common Life (Matador)
5. THE SPLINTERS
   EP (Self-Released)
6. VARIOUS
   Eccentric Soul: The Young Disciples (Numero Group)
7. ANNI ROSSI
   Afton (4AD)
8. CHAD VANGAALEN *
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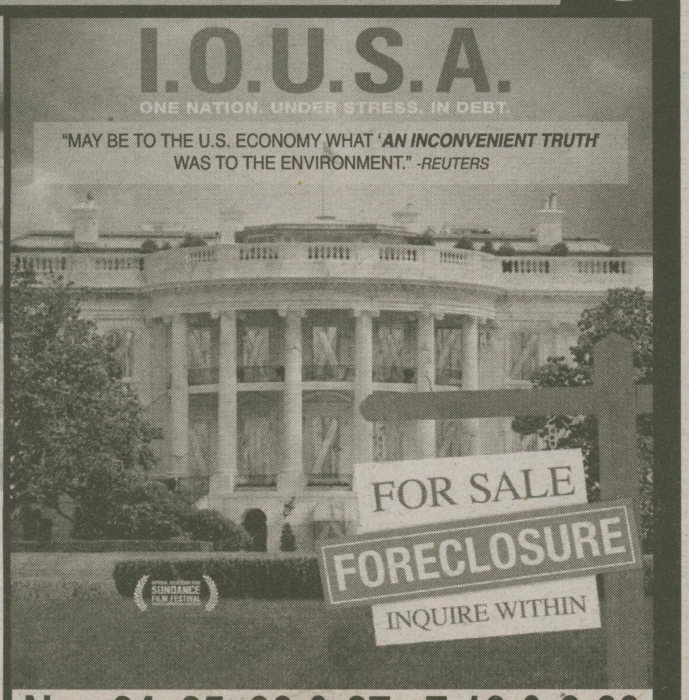
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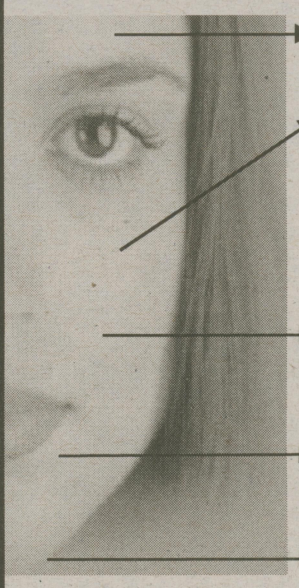

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Speedy Sawers leads Island rugby in try scoring

Andrew Smith

The men's rugby team hosted the Cowichan Piggies in a must-win match on Wallace Field, Saturday, Nov. 8.

UVic crushed their visitors by a score of 36-0, despite over half the team starting line up either away on national duty or sidelined by injury, and enduring the pressures of qualifying for the Barnard Cup.

The Vikes' roster featured a number of new faces in a squad that has been reorganized on a weekly basis. Holding strong in the back line and consistently producing points in recent weeks, however, is Gordie Sawers. The UVic veteran leads both his team and the Vancouver Island Rugby Union Leauge (VIRU) in try-scoring.

At just six feet and 190 lbs, Sawers' size doesn't do him any favours against some of the toughest opposition in Canada. His speed, however, has seen him climb to the top of the VIRU week-eight standings with six tries in seven matches.

UVic coach Doug Tate says Sawers' acceleration is a big factor in the amount of tries he's scored.

"Gordie is probably the fastest player in the VIRU right now," said Tate.

Having played football and rugby through high school in North Shore, Vancouver, Sawers' point scoring has always been noted by his coaches. After picking up the game in the eighth grade, Sawers was selected for both the U-18 B.C. Selects and the U-21 Selects in 2005.

After his high school rugby coach referred him to Tate, Sawers found himself playing with a number of nationally renowned players. The decision to come to UVic was simple, he said.

"I knew rugby was pretty big at UVic," said Sawers. "If you wanted to play good rugby and get better to eventually play at national levels, it was the place you needed to be."

Fast forward three years and Sawers is now one of the key players in the UVic line up. Tate says that with his national players away, Sawers has continued to perform and grow as a player.

"He has been very consistent," said Tate. "He has really improved his decision making and defensive abilities. His offensive ability has always been there, but I think he is becoming a more complete player."

The young player attributes much of his try-scoring to his teammates, however, as he says the calibre of his team allows for him to continue scoring.

"A lot of those tries are on top of the hard work of guys around me," Sawers said. "I sort of just finish [the plays] off."

With the VIRU regular season coming to a close, UVic's primary objective is qualifying for the Barnard Cup on Dec. 6 to prove they are the best on the Island. With the Castaway Wanderers hot on the Vikes' heels, UVic will rely on Sawers to continue his scoring ways.

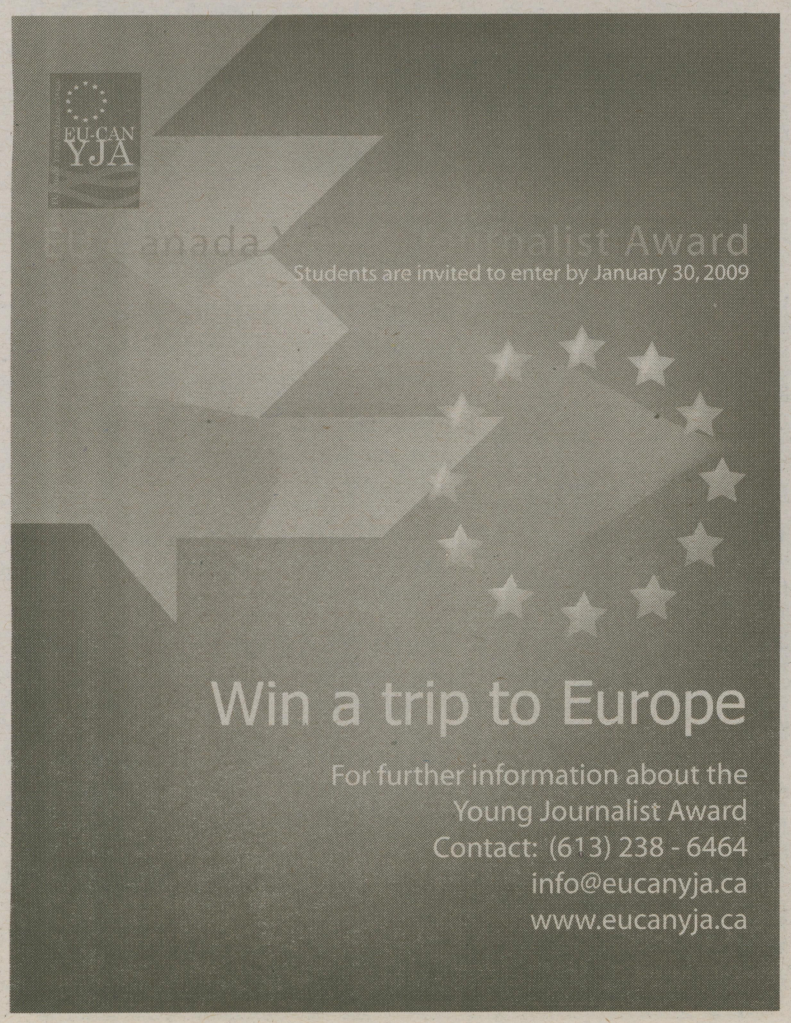
The chances of making the finals are high, says Sawers, as the team has really come together despite the injuries and missing players.

ANDREW SMITH PHOTO

Gordie Sawers' acceleration allows him to crush his opponents' runs.

"Since all of those guys have left for the national squad, there's a lot of players that have really stepped up," Sawers said. "We also have some size in the forwards this year — against teams on the Island, that's usually where we're lacking a little bit."

The Vikes' next match will see them face off against undefeated James Bay on Saturday, Nov. 22, as they attempt to come away with enough points to qualify for the December championship.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Cowichan's physicality was too much for a younger UVic side to handle.

Piggies crush Vikes

Jonathon Wolsey

The Cowichan Piggies brought their A-game to Wallace Field on Saturday, Nov. 15, as they trounced the UVic women's rugby team 39-10.

Boasting a lineup of Team Canada players, the Piggies overwhelmed the Vikes with their speed and hard tackles early in the match with several well-orchestrated attacks.

Because of big hits by UVic prop Chelsey Minter, the Vikes' forward pack was able to hold the Piggies off, forcing the ball out wide as they dominated at the breakdown.

Cowichan's first try came after they charged down a rushed Vikes' clearance from their 22, which went back into their try zone and was pounced on by No. 11, Carline Drimistan.

Only 10 minutes later the Piggies would have their second try, as their backline was able to get the ball out quickly from a scrum, again to Drimistan who was able to juke out the Vikes line and score on the far side of the zone.

UVic No. 8, Laura Szewczok, was able to build off the momentum and post UVic's first try of the game minutes later, by running down the kicker and then inching her way to the try line.

The Piggies responded and were again able to move the ball down their backline where a mis-tackle lead to another try by No. 6, Jessie Redieck.

The speed the Piggies kept was too much for UVic, as fatigue set in with them on the defensive for much of the match. Hard scrums tired the Vikes pack as Cowichan grinded their way down field.

Cowichan's experience was too much to handle and they were able to build on the lead posting four more tries and a conversion to seal the deal. The tries were scored by Jermaine Resete, Carline Drimistan and Caity Gemereaux.

Throughout the game, UVic still had the passion to keep things competitive by putting a try by No. 9, Sarah Logan bursting through the Piggies' lines and catching the wingers off-guard to score the try.

Gemereaux had the last word, closing the game with a run down the line.

UVic coach Brad Skene put his side's performance into perspective after the match.

"Cowichan comes down as a very physical side and it's great for us to play against them because it makes us tougher," Skene said.

The physicality was further echoed by Vikes' Selina McGinnis as she remarked that UVic is getting a lot out of matches against tough oppositions.

"Even though we lost by 30 points, we are making progress," McGinnis said.

Next game will see the Vikes face off against James Bay on Wallace Field at 11:30 a.m. on Nov 22.

Salmon Kings send Phoenix running

Philippe Granger

The Victoria Salmon Kings outscored the Phoenix Roadrunners 13-1 in back-to-back games during a Nov. 15-16 weekend series.

Friday's 4-1 victory was a hard-fought match compared to Saturday's game where the Kings mowed down the Roadrunners 9-0.

Friday night's 4,590 Victoria fans welcomed the Phoenix Roadrunners to town for the first of the back-to-back series. The first period was kept scoreless as both teams played conservative hockey to keep from allowing scoring opportunities.

The second period opened with Kings right winger Curtis Billsten connecting with a pass from Darryl Lloyd to score his third goal of the season. Less than a minute later, Kings captain Wes Goldie roofed his eighth regular season goal past Phoenix goaltender Craig Kowalski on the power play.

Two minutes into the third period, Roadrunner Daniel Sisca finally solved Kings netminder Jonathan Boutin to bring them within one. This was as close as the visitors came to narrowing the point margin, however, as Olivier Fillion notched two more goals in the third period to boost the Kings lead to 4-1.

Victoria goaltender Jonathan Boutin gave a stellar performance throughout the game, flashing the leather multiple times and making key saves on the penalty kill.

"I think Boutin made some great saves early," said Salmon Kings manager Mark Morrison. "[The] breakaway where he robbed a guy with his glove, [it] gave us a chance and [turned it into] a different game."

Boutin credited his teammates for his outstanding performance.

"I think the guys are playing really [well]," Boutin said. "Every game they get better. They're always there for my rebounds and I give [out] some juicy ones."

When the sides suited up for Saturday's rematch, the Salmon Kings set two organizational records during the 9-0 shutout — one for largest margin of victory and another for the most goals in one game.

Vancouver Canucks Prospect Dan Gendur opened the scoring in the first period with two power play goals. Chris St. Jacques scored the Salmon Kings' first hat trick of the season and added an assist to finish the night with four points and a plus-three rating.

After Saturday's game, Victoria's Captain Wes Goldie is now tied with Olivier Labelle in goals, assists and points with 14 to lead the Kings' scoring. Victoria finished with 57 shots on net against Phoenix's 25.

It was also a night of special teams as both the Salmon Kings' power play and penalty-kill came to life. They scored five of the nine goals with the man advantage while the Roadrunners could not crack the Kings' defense or solve Boutin.

Victoria finished the night at 100 per cent on the penalty-kill which included a short-handed goal.

The Roadrunners' embarrassment resulted in three fights and countless scrums with 86 penalty minutes between both teams.

With Saturday's win, the Salmon Kings move past the Roadrunners into second place in the West division and have won four of their last five. They now trail the Alaska Aces by only four points.

The Kings will host the Aces for a three-game series this week at the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre.

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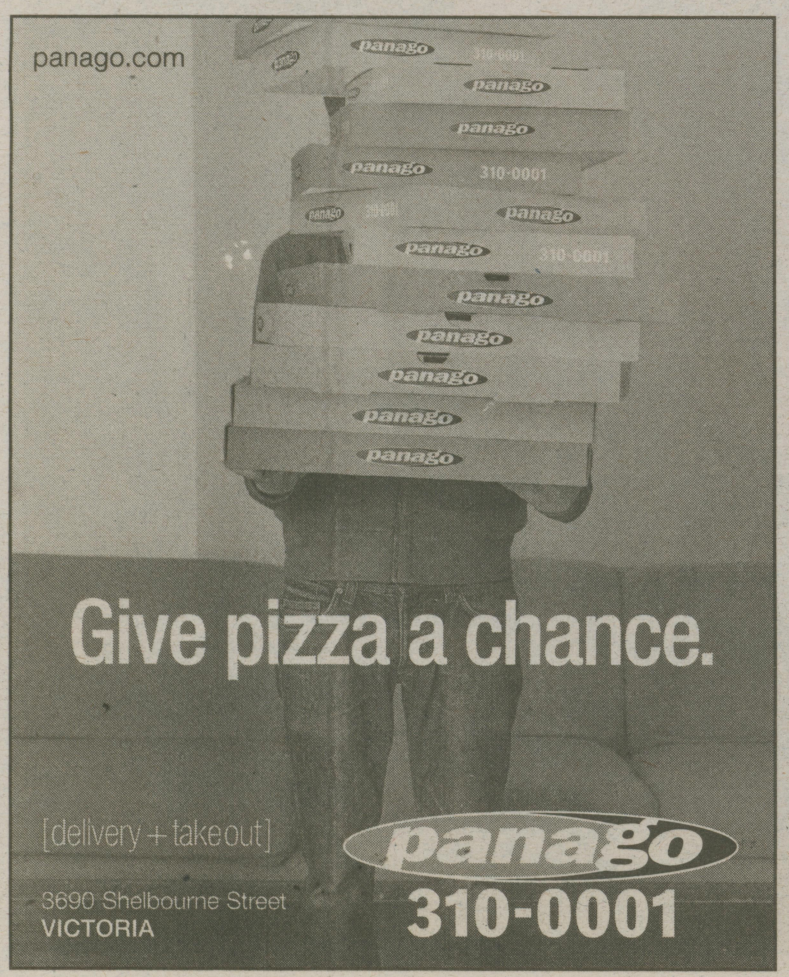

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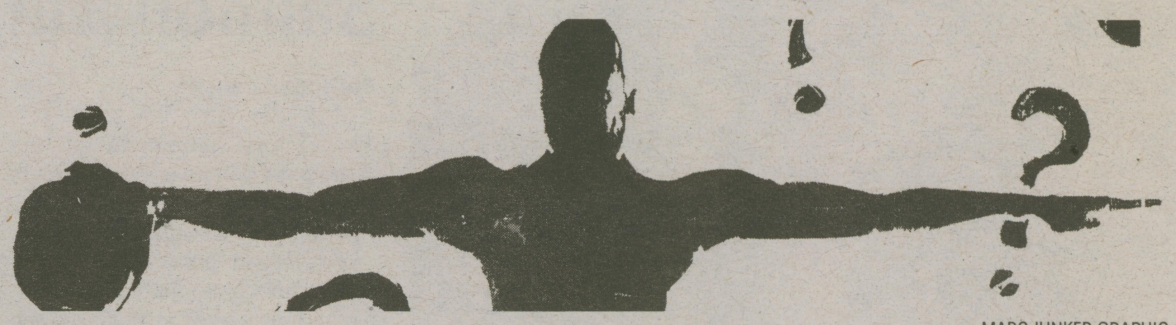

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Toronto Raptors get a face-lift

Matt Lundy

The Toronto Raptors received a major face-lift last summer.

One of last season's predominant debates raged over how to divide the point guard duties between upstart Jose Calderon and T.J. Ford, the oft-injured Texas Longhorn with a Napoleon complex.

General manager Bryan Colangelo elected to ship Ford to the Indiana Pacers in exchange for Jermaine O'Neal, an injury-prone former all-star most famous for decking a fan during the famed Detroit/Indiana brawl of 2004.

The transaction hoped to solidify the point guard dispute and form a lethal low-post duo between O'Neal and franchise player Chris Bosh.

Nine games into the NBA regular season, and the Raps' old issues have continued to persist while new wounds have opened up.

The two greatest issues for last year's squad revolved around rebounding and the efficiency of their wing players. During the 2008 post-season, Toronto suffered a first-round exit after Dwight Howard of the Orlando Magic manhandled Raptors players on the boards.

Through eight games the Raps have been out-rebounded by nearly six per game. Their problems at the shooting guard and small forward positions seem even greater.

Starting small forward Jamario Moon became a fan favourite last season with his high-flying athleticism and hustle. This season he showed up to training camp out of shape and his early season statistics have suffered because of his conditioning. In 27 minutes of nightly action, Moon has averaged a paltry 7.6 points and 3.5 rebounds per game.

Many Raptors fans have called for perennial benchwarmer Joey Graham to take Moon's place in the starting line-up. The muscle-bound Graham has a stronger likelihood of a career in mixed martial arts, then a starting position in Toronto.

Throw in starting shooting guard Anthony Parker's inexcusable two rebounds per outing and you can see why Raptors' Manager Colangelo needs to solidify his back court if his side wishes to contend in an Eastern Conference dominated by wing players such as Lebron James and Paul Pierce.

In the past week the Raps have been linked to possible trades involving the Charlotte Bobcats' Gerald Wallace and the Golden State Warriors' Al Harrington. Wallace is the better all-around player and would improve their perimeter defence, but his head is softer than that of Eric Lindros. Wallace is one concussion away from a lifetime of golf and South Florida women.

Perhaps the greatest point of contention for Raptors fans remains Andrea Bargnani, the Italian seven-footer and former number one draft pick. During his first two seasons in the NBA, judgment on Bargnani has ranged from some labelling him the next Dirk Nowitzki to those who feel he could become a draft bust worthy of Darko Milicic levels. It doesn't help that Bargnani has a permanent look of lethargy on his face.

This season Bargnani has contributed fantastic games only to sprinkle in an equal number with non-existent production. Should Bargnani continue his inconsistent play look for Colangelo to move him to your neighbourhood Olive Garden.

Despite years of stronger competition in the Western conference, significant power has shifted to the East. No longer can a team survive on the merits of its two star players, such as Bosh and Calderon.

If the Raptors wish to make the second round of the post-season, Colangelo will have to shake things up and add depth to a team which sorely needs it.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 20

Community as Social Entrepreneurs
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David Strong Building, C130
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Fee: Free
Info: 250-721-8751
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Dark of the Moon
8 - 10 p.m.
Pheonix Theatre
Venture to the deep South for a dramatic love story set amongst the dark magic and rich music of the Appalachian Mountains.
Advisory: This play contains nudity and scenes of a sexually violent nature.
Fee: $12 - $22
Info: 250-721-8000

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

After Life
2:30 - 5 p.m.
Technology Enterprise Facility, 170
Please RSVP via email, as seating is limited..
Fee: Free
Info: ctheory@uvic.ca

Women's Basketball
6 p.m.
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Men's Basketball
8 p.m.
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SATURDAY, NOV. 22

Women's Rugby
11:30 a.m.
Wallace Field
James Bay vs. UVic.
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Free
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Women's Basketball
5 p.m.
McKinnon Gym
Trinity Western vs. UVic.
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Men's Basketball
7 p.m.
McKinnon Gym
Trinity Western avs. UVic.
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MONDAY, NOV. 24

How to Make a Fortune in Applied Philosophy
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
MacLaurin Building, David Lam Auditorium
UVic Humanities alumni, Stewart Butterfield, co-creater of Flickr, shares his experience with the transition from university to work.
Fee: Free
Info: 250-721-6696
kwhyte@uvic.ca

Peer-Helping Coffeehouse
4 - 6 p.m.
Clearihue Building, D131
The drop-in coffeehouse features free (and no-strings-attached) beverages and refreshments. This is a space for students to enjoy a break between classes and connect with one another.
Fee: Free
Info: harek@uvic.ca

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

Was the Buddha a Compatibilist? Free Will in Light of the Anatta-lakkhana Sutta
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Engineering/Computer Science Building, 124
This paper explores the implications of the Buddha's arguments regarding non-self (anatta) for the contemporary western philosophical debate concerning free will, determinism and moral responsibility.
Fee: Free
Info: CSRS
250-721-6325
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Visiting Artist: Tim Lee
8 - 10 p.m.
Visual Arts Building, A146
Lee draws upon a wide variety of pop culture sources in his practice, including Steve Martin, the Beastie Boys, Ted Williams, George and Ira Gershwin, The Kingsmen, Harry Houdini and the Marx Brothers.
Fee: Free
Info: Lynda Gammon
lgammon@finearts.uvic.ca

THURSDAY, NOV. 27

Theatre-based dialogue on graffiti
10:00 a.m.
In front of the McPherson library
Fee: Free
Info: rainnay@hotmail.com

LIVE CONCERTS

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

Guy Woods & Subway, Groundbreakers, The Co-Defendants, Swagger Jones, Idealz @ Barcode
10 p.m. - 2 a.m., doors at 9 p.m.
Pimps and hoes costume party and Guy Woods birthday bash. Tickets available at Barcode. (No Minors).
Fee: $10

One Eleven Archer, Oh Snap! @ Evolution
9 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Tickets available at Old School Tattoos. (No Minors).
Fee: $6 in advance
$8 at the door

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

The Politics of Dancing @ Bard and Banker
8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
(All Ages).
Fee: Free

Mobile Unit, Keytar Warrior @ Camas Book and Infoshop
8:30 -10:30 p.m.
The revolutionary duo will show off shiny new songs and raps. (All Ages).
Fee: 5$

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

Reveal, Aegis Fang, bogleg @ The Cambie
9 p.m. - 1 a.m., doors at 8 p.m.
Tickets available at the door. (No Minors).
Fee: $5

Roots-Folk-Bluegrass-Celtic-Gospel-Canadiana House of Doc @ St. Andrews Presbyterian
8 - 10:30 p.m., doors at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets available at Royal & McPhearson Box Offices (250-386-6121). (All Ages).
Fee: $15

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Surf the web for 10 minutes and you'll discover the vile and viscous disposition of unicorns evidenced in books such as Unicorn Moon and The Lady and the Unicorn. In some stories the unicorn has captured innocent men and raped women with its phallic horn.

These books expose people to the immoral thoughts and actions of unicorns. They should be banned from the university library. And we should all be alarmed.

Indeed, those who believe in unicorns may very well condone the actions and behavior of this vile creature. People with written material about unicorns should be kept like chickens in a cage, exposed as the criminals that they are.

For further information and to take action against Unicornians, please show up at their Ritual on November 26th at 2pm in front of the UVic library.

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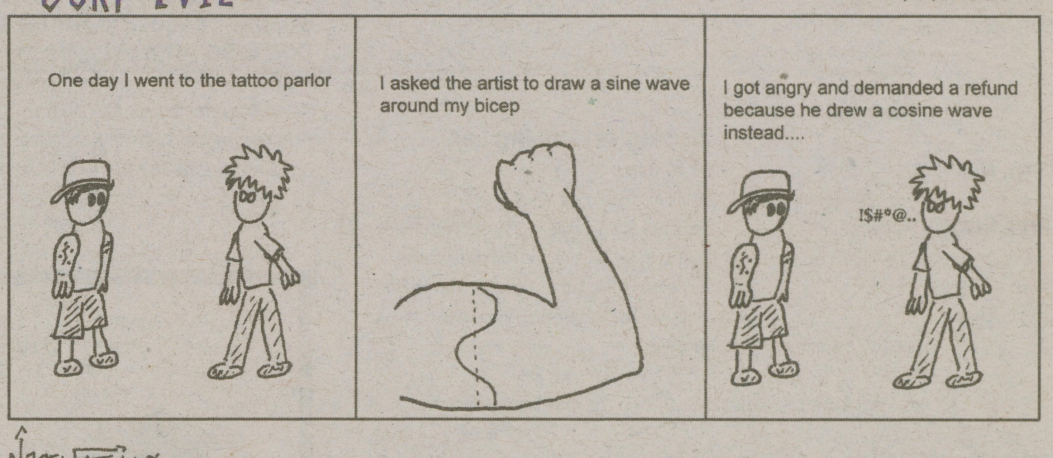
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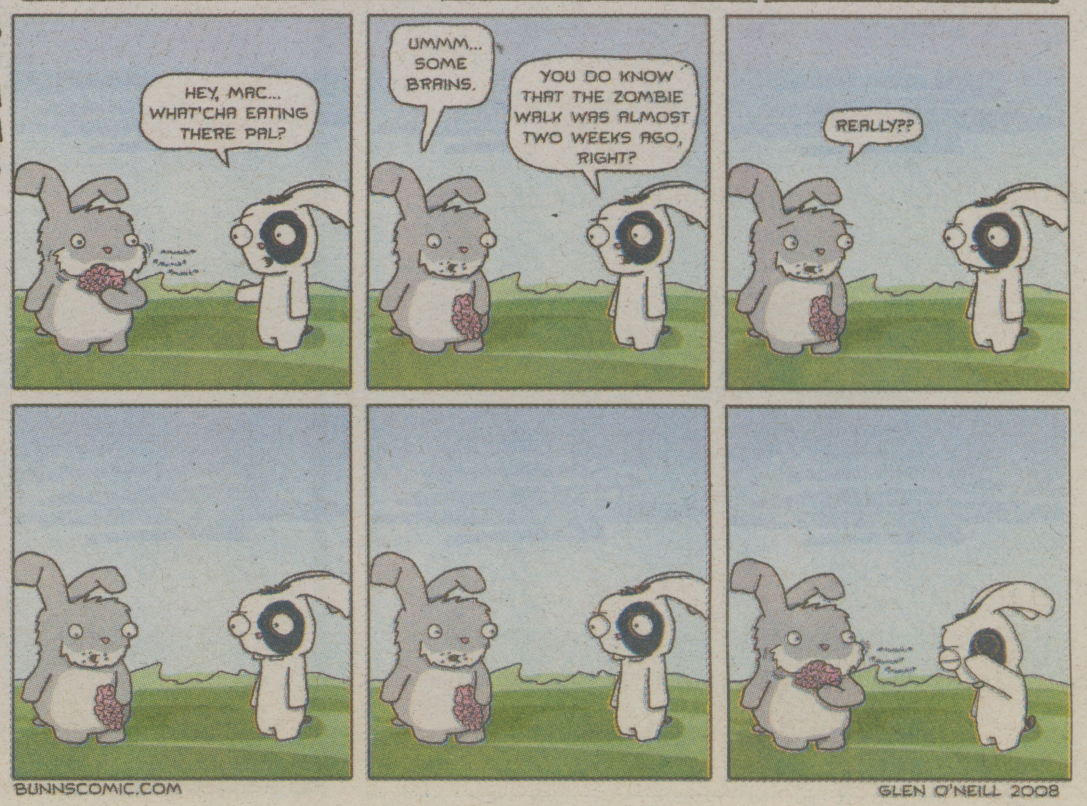
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